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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of: )  
Richard L. Palinkas ) Examiner: Mariano Sy  
Title: SIDE BEARING PAD ) Group Art Unit: 3683  
Serial No.: 09/407,053 )  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted: